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State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN MARCH: As of mid-March of this year, total employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 2,951,400, a net over-the-month drop of 27,100 people (-0.9 percent). North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 7,959,000 in the middle of March, 1986, a large net over-the-month decrease of 73,000 persons (-2.4 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DECLINES SOMEWHAT OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 823,900 as of the middle of March of this year, a net over-the-month decrease of 400 workers. The durable goods segment employment total fell by 800 persons (-0.2 percent) over the month to 338,000. The nonelectrical machinery industry group suffered the largest cutback in durable goods, falling by 700 people (-1.2 percent) over the month. Electrical machinery sustained a net monthly loss of 400 workers (-0.6 percent), with a drop of 100 occurring in household appliances. Furniture and fixtures dropped by 400 as well with the total loss taking place in household furniture. Employment in transportation equipment, however, rose by 500 over the month (+2.2 percent). The nondurable goods segment enjoyed a modest net monthly gain of 400 workers (+0.1 percent) to rise to 485,900 in March, 1986. In textile mill products, employment saw an increase of 900 (+0.4 percent) with an employment growth of 800 occurring in the knitting mills segment. Employment in chemicals grew by 400 over the month (+1.1 percent), with an increase of 100 workers taking place in plastics and synthetics. These increases were partially offset by the anticipated seasonal reduction of 700 workers (-2.8 percent) in tobacco manufacturing, with cigarettes losing 100 and stemming/redrying falling by 600.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES SIGNIFICANT GAIN: Nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 1,871,700 in mid-March, 1986, a net over-the-month jump of 21,000 workers (+1.1 percent). Six of the seven industry groups exhibited growth. The largest net monthly increase occurred in total trade (+8,300; +1.4 percent) with wholesale up by 1,800 and retail up by 6,500. The construction industry enjoyed a net over-the -month surge of 5,500 workers (+3.7 percent), and service and miscellaneous experienced a net monthly gain of 5,200 (+1.2 percent) as hotels and other lodging places grew by 800 and medical and other health services added 400.

UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN OVER THE MONTH: Statewide total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 177,600 in mid-March of this year, a net over-the-month decrease of 3,000 persons (-1.7 percent). The unadjusted rate of unemployment, however, remained the same at 5.7 percent. Seasonally adjusted total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 182,000 as of the middle of March, 1986, a net monthly surge of 14,000 people (+8.3 percent). As a result, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment rose from 5.2 percent in February, 1986, to 5.8 percent this March. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 7.5 percent in March, 1986, and 7.8 percent in February, 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.2 percent this March and 7.3 percent this February.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	March, 1986	February, 1986	March, 1986 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,129,000	3,159,100	3,038,900
Employment	2,951,400	2,978,500	2,869,800
Unemployment	177,600	180,600	169,100
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.7	5.6
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,141,000	3,200,000	3,052,000
Employment	2,959,000	3,032,000	2,880,000
Unemployment	182,000	168,000	172,000
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.2	5.6
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.5	7.8	7.5
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.2	7.3	7.3

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to $7.48 from the middle of February to the middle of March, 1986. Workers in the durable goods segment also enjoyed a 3¢ an hour gain (+0.4 percent) to hit $7.72 during the same period. Workers in electrical machinery led the way in durable goods with a net monthly increase of 8¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to reach $8.66 this March. Employees in furniture and fixtures followed with a net over-the-month advance of 7¢ an hour (+1.0 percent). The increase boosted hourly earnings to $6.83 in March, 1986. People working in the nondurable goods segment experienced a net monthly increase of 3¢ as hourly earnings rose to $7.32. Tobacco manufacturing workers earned $13.97 an hour in March which amounted to a net over-the-month gain of 48¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). Hourly earnings for printing industry employees averaged $8.47 an hour in March, up by 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) from February. From the middle of February to the middle of March, 1986, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by $4.93 (+1.7 percent) to $301.44. In March of this year, average weekly hours were 40.3, up by 0.5 of an hour over the month.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS FALLS OVER THE MONTH: As of March 31, 1986, there were 184,620 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the state. The total represented a net over-the-month decline of 8,700 people (-4.5 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was the twenty-two to thirty-nine sector with 114,379 registered applicants or 62.0 percent of the total.

Applicants in the forty to fifty-four age group numbered 31,643 or 17.1 percent, and the twenty-one and under age group accounted for 29,026 registered applicants or 15.7 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with a count of 93,492 or 50.6 percent of the total. The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, numbering 102,772 or 55.7 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of March of this year.

Statewide Active Applicant File
March 31, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	184,620	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	29,026	15.7
22 - 39	114,379	62.0
40 - 54	31,643	17.1
55 and Over	9,572	5.2
Sex		
Male	91,128	49.4
Female	93,492	50.6
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	102,772	55.7
Black, not Hispanic	76,886	41.6
Hispanic	1,195	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,871	1.6
Other Races and Undetermined	896	0.5
Eligible Claimant	74,765	40.5
Veteran	34,478	18.7
Handicapped	12,521	6.8
Welfare	27,454	14.9
Seasonal Farmworker	2,197	1.2

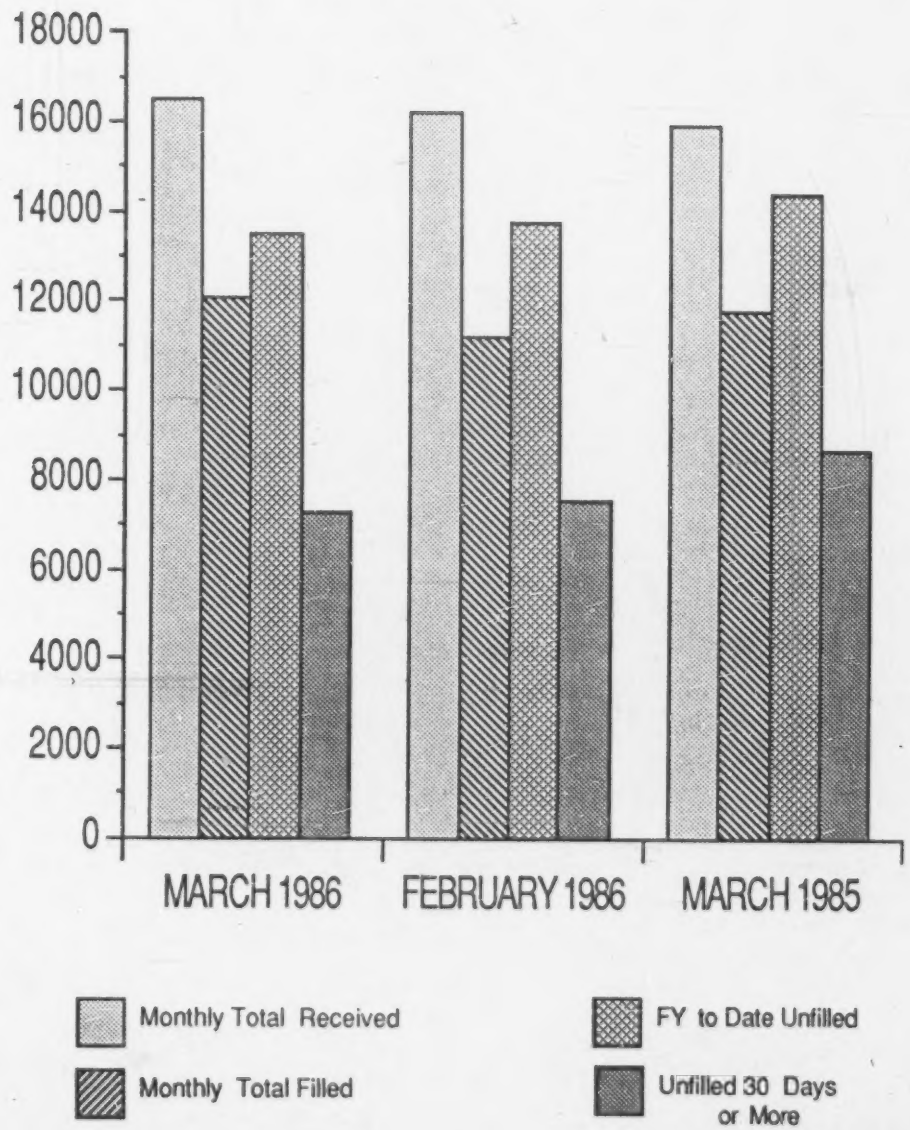
THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS INCREASES IN MARCH: During March of this year, 16,536 job openings were received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a net monthly gain of 363 (+2.2 percent). Almost three quarters of the job openings was filled (73.3 percent or 12,116). The miscellaneous category displayed the largest number of job openings in March with 2,728. Of these 2,093 or 76.7 percent were filled. Job openings in structural work occupations numbered 2,718 with 1,800 or 66.2 percent filled. The service group occupations followed with 2,529 job openings received of which 2,166 or 85.6 percent were filled. Processing recorded the fewest job openings with only 574; however, a very high percentage was filled (87.8 percent or 504). There were 191,004 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986. Most of those openings were filled (151,276 or 79.2 percent). There were 13,546 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file at the end of this March. More than half of those openings (7,300 or 53.9 percent) had been classified as hard-to-fill because they had been on file for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on Statewide job openings for March, 1986, and for the fiscal year to data (July 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	March, 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Mar, 31, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	819	320	8,066	3,800	1,613	1,099
Clerical	2,243	1,344	21,752	14,555	1,858	892
Sales	881	416	7,539	4,365	1,004	552
Service	2,529	2,166	31,116	23,263	2,720	1,407
Domestic	167e	143	2,111	1,679	127	76
Other Services	2,362e	2,023	29,005	21,584	2,593	1,331
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	931	793	30,472	29,935	317	198
Processing	574	504	7,799	7,072	248	114
Machine Trades	1,496	1,080	13,262	9,800	1,274	665
Bench Work	1,617	1,600	17,449	15,538	933	522
Structural Work	2,718	1,800	26,115	19,969	2,069	1,017
Miscellaneous	2,728	2,093	27,434	22,979	1,510	834
Motor Freight and Transp.	442	224	4,462	2,920	389	196
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,208	1,820	22,328	19,610	1,068	616
Other	78	49	644	449	53	22
Total	16,536	12,116	191,004	151,276	13,546	7,300

1/ July 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986.

NORTH CAROLINA JOB OPENINGS DATA



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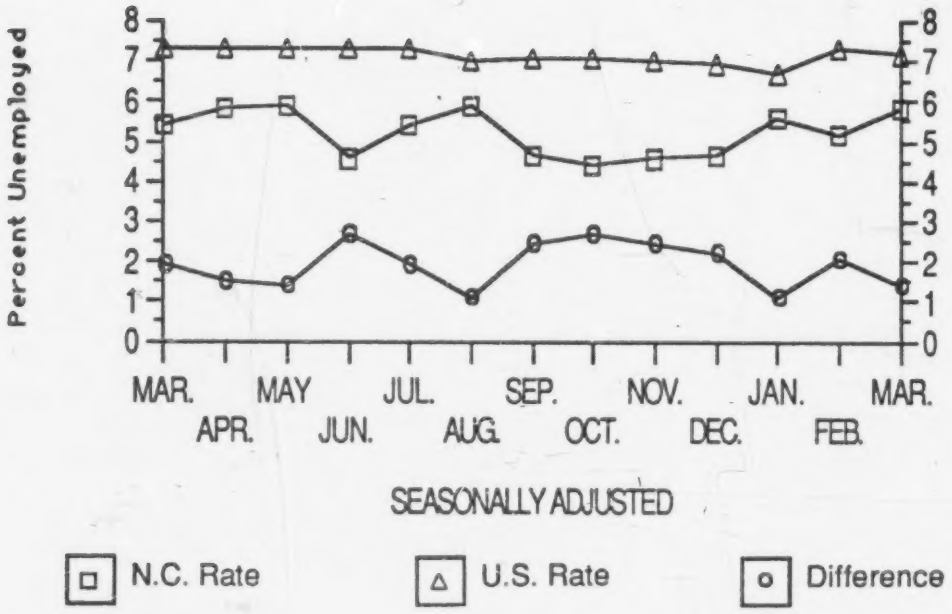
MARCH 1985--MARCH 1986



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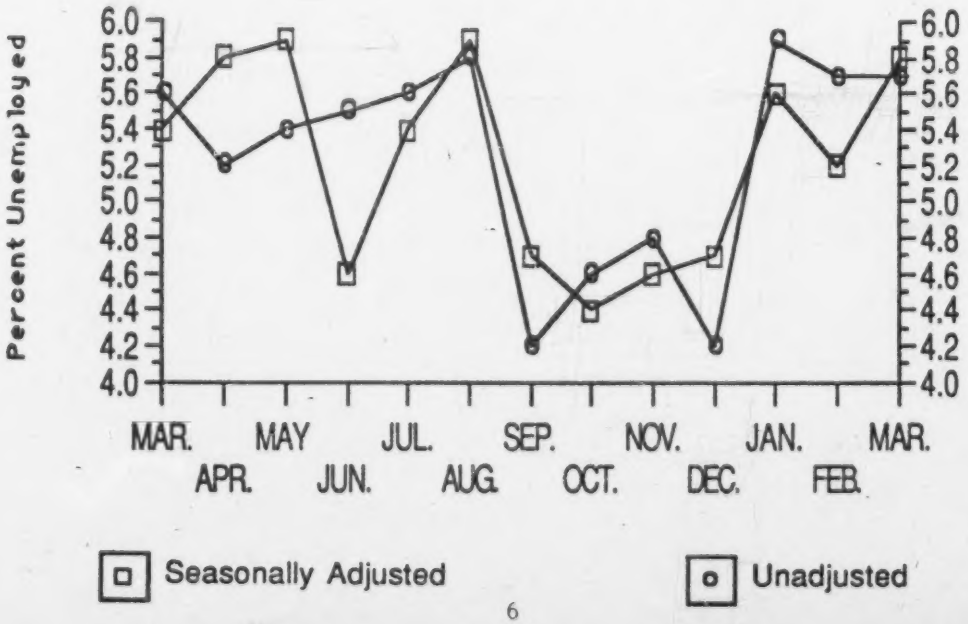
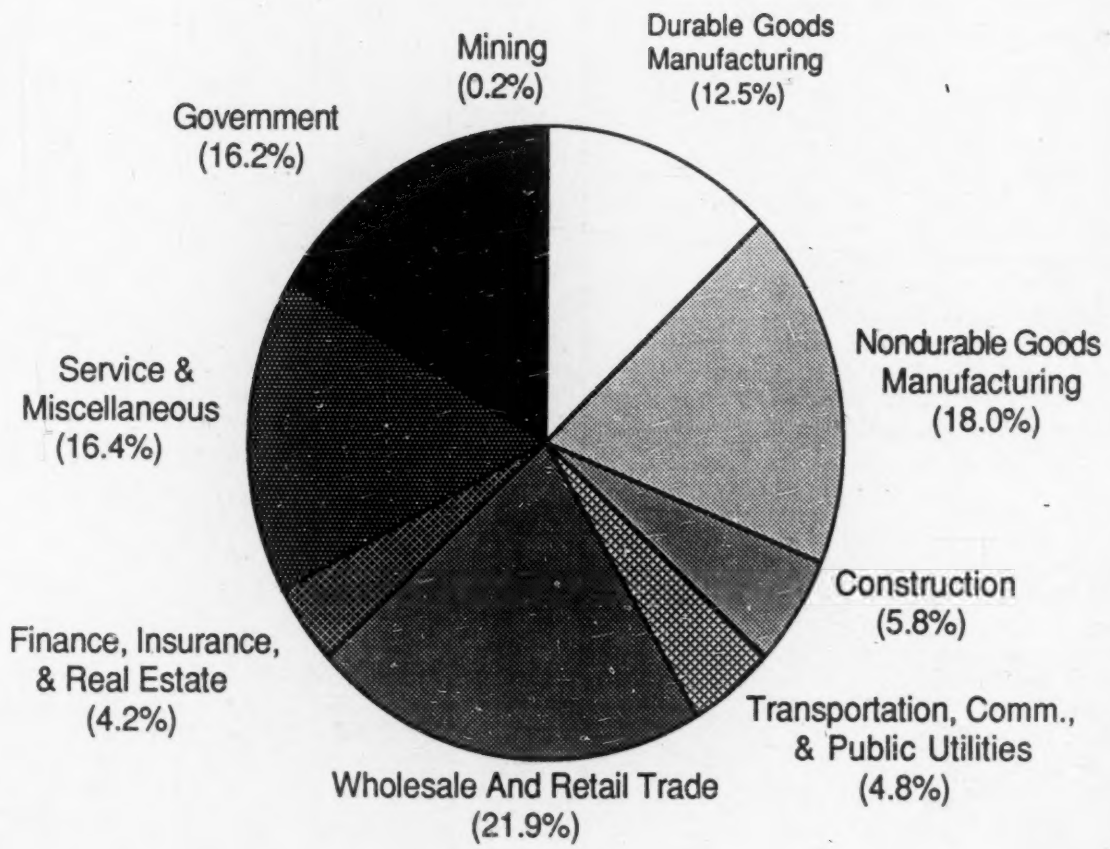


COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986 (Thous)	February* 1986 (Thous)	March* 1985 (Thous)	February 1986	March 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,695.6	2,675.1	2,620.9	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	823.9	824.3	825.3	**	- 0.2
DURABLE GOODS	338.0	338.8	342.2	- 0.2	- 1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.8	35.6	35.9	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.8	11.7	12.4	+ 0.9	- 4.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.4	8.6	+ 1.2	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.6	5.5	4.7	+ 1.8	+19.1
Furniture & Fixtures	85.2	85.6	85.6	- 0.5	- 0.5
Household Furniture	75.4	75.8	75.8	- 0.5	- 0.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.6	37.9	38.2	- 0.8	- 1.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.4	31.6	0	- 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.2	19.2	19.4	0	- 1.0
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.4	5.4	+ 3.7	+ 3.7
Primary Metal Industries	10.7	10.7	10.6	0	+ 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.3	26.3	26.8	0	- 1.9
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.1	8.3	0	- 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.7	56.4	58.3	- 1.2	- 4.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.0	7.3	0	- 4.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	64.6	65.0	66.2	- 0.6	- 2.4
Household Appliances	5.1	5.2	5.3	- 1.9	- 3.8
Transportation Equipment	23.7	23.2	22.7	+ 2.2	+ 4.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.9	16.8	16.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	485.9	485.5	483.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	46.2	46.5	44.0	- 0.6	+ 5.0
Meat Products	20.5	20.5	18.3	0	+12.0
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.7	7.6	7.7	+ 1.3	0
Beverages	5.8	5.9	5.7	- 1.7	+ 1.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.3	25.0	24.5	- 2.8	- 0.8
Cigarettes	20.4	20.5	20.4	- 0.5	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.4	4.0	3.7	-15.0	- 8.1
Textile Mill Products	20.59	205.0	208.1	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.0	53.5	58.6	- 0.9	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.2	28.3	30.6	- 0.4	- 7.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.3	24.6	27.3	- 1.2	-11.0
Knitting Mills	76.1	75.3	73.9	+ 1.1	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.0	24.9	24.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Hosiery, NEC	23.3	22.9	22.7	+ 1.7	+ 2.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.0	12.8	12.2	+ 1.6	+ 6.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.1	6.0	6.1	+ 1.7	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.2	14.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.6	48.2	47.5	+ 0.8	+ 2.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986 (Thous)	February* 1986 (Thous)	March* 1985 (Thous)	February 1986	March 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.7	88.7	85.3	0	+ 4.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	30.1	30.4	28.5	- 1.0	+ 5.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.8	37.8	37.6	0	+ 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.4	22.6	0	- 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	11.0	11.2	- 1.8	- 3.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.6	7.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.2	27.3	26.1	- 0.4	+ 4.2
Newspapers	9.7	9.8	9.4	- 1.0	+ 3.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.3	36.9	37.8	+ 1.1	- 1.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	12.9	13.1	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.4	29.3	30.5	+ 0.3	- 3.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.4	4.3	+ 4.5	+ 7.0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,871.7	1,850.7	1,795.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.2
MINING	4.6	4.5	4.7	+ 2.2	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	155.8	150.3	143.5	+ 3.7	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	130.5	128.9	127.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.0	69.8	68.7	+ 1.7	+ 3.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	54.7	54.0	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	588.7	580.4	565.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	139.9	138.1	136.7	+ 1.3	+ 2.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	85.2	84.1	82.7	+ 1.3	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.7	54.0	53.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.5
Retail Trade	448.8	442.3	428.5	+ 1.5	+ 4.7
General Merchandise Stores	58.8	58.3	55.7	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
Food Stores	71.4	71.2	69.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.4	111.6	106.0	+ 0.7	+ 6.0
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	443.1	437.9	417.3	+ 1.2	+ 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.8	25.0	23.0	+ 3.2	+12.2
Personal Services	18.4	28.1	26.4	+ 1.1	+ 7.6
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	+ 3.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	436.6	437.2	431.4	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Federal	52.5	52.5	50.4	0	+ 4.2
State	127.0	128.6	129.6	- 1.2	- 2.0
Education	67.5	68.9	69.3	- 2.0	- 2.6
Other	59.5	59.7	60.3	- 0.3	- 1.3
Local	257.1	256.1	251.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Education	138.4	137.9	136.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Other	118.7	118.3	114.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.
** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986 (Thous)	February* 1986 (Thous)	March* 1985 (Thous)	February 1986	March 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,708.3	2,707.4	2,632.3	+0.03	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	828.6	830.4	829.7	-0.2	- 0.1
DURABLE GOODS	339.0	340.6	342.9	-0.5	- 1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	36.3	36.3	-0.3	- 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.9	12.0	12.5	-0.8	- 4.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.5	8.7	+1.2	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.7	5.7	4.8	0	+18.8
Furniture & Fixtures	85.2	85.2	85.3	0	- 0.1
Household Furniture	75.3	75.4	75.7	-0.1	- 0.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	38.1	38.3	-1.0	- 1.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	31.4	31.5	-0.3	- 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.5	19.6	19.7	-0.5	- 1.0
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.8	2.6	-7.1	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.6	5.5	+1.8	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.7	10.8	10.6	-0.9	+ 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.5	26.6	27.1	-0.4	- 2.2
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.3	8.5	0	- 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.9	56.7	58.5	-1.4	- 4.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.0	7.3	0	- 4.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	64.5	65.3	66.1	-1.2	- 2.4
Household Appliances	5.5	5.9	5.7	-6.8	- 3.5
Transportation Equipment	23.5	23.2	22.5	+1.3	+ 4.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	16.9	16.8	+0.6	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	489.6	489.8	486.8	-0.04	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	47.0	47.5	44.8	-1.1	+ 4.9
Meat Products	20.6	20.6	18.4	0	+12.0
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Beverages	5.9	6.1	5.8	-3.3	+ 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.7	25.8	25.9	-0.4	- 0.8
Cigarettes	20.5	20.6	20.5	-0.5	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.9	4.6	5.4	+6.5	- 9.3
Textile Mill Products	206.9	206.7	209.0	+0.1	- 1.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.4	53.9	59.0	-0.9	- 9.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.5	28.4	30.9	+0.4	- 7.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.5	24.8	27.5	-1.2	-10.9
Knitting Mills	76.4	76.0	74.2	+0.5	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.1	25.1	24.5	0	+ 2.4
Hosiery, NEC	23.5	23.1	22.9	+1.7	+ 2.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.0	13.0	12.2	0	+ 6.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.1	6.2	+1.6	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.4	14.3	14.3	+0.7	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.6	48.5	47.5	+0.2	+ 2.3

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Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.6	89.3	86.2	+0.3	+ 3.9
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	30.3	30.5	28.7	-0.7	+ 5.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	38.3	38.0	38.1	+0.8	+ 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.3	22.5	0	- 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	11.1	-0.9	- 3.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.6	7.6	+1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	26.8	27.0	25.7	-0.7	+ 4.3
Newspapers	9.7	9.8	9.4	-1.0	+ 3.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.2	37.0	37.7	+0.5	- 1.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.9	12.9	13.0	0	- 0.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.5	29.7	30.7	-0.7	- 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.5	4.3	+2.2	+ 7.0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,879.7	1,877.0	1,802.6	+0.1	+ 4.3
MINING	4.7	4.6	4.8	+2.2	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	160.8	160.7	148.1	+0.1	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.0	129.8	128.1	+0.9	+ 2.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.2	70.6	68.9	+0.8	+ 3.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.2	55.0	54.1	+0.4	+ 2.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	599.5	595.7	575.5	+0.6	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	141.1	140.2	137.9	+0.6	+ 2.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	84.9	84.4	82.5	+0.6	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.2	55.8	55.4	+0.7	+ 1.4
Retail Trade	458.4	455.5	437.6	+0.6	+ 4.8
General Merchandise Stores	61.0	60.5	57.8	+0.8	+ 5.5
Food Stores	72.0	72.2	70.5	-0.3	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	113.2	112.6	106.7	+0.5	+ 6.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	444.9	445.5	419.3	-0.1	+ 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.7	27.9	24.8	-0.7	+11.7
Personal Services	27.5	27.3	25.6	+0.7	+ 7.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 3.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.6	428.1	420.1	-0.6	+ 1.3
Federal	52.8	52.9	50.6	-0.2	+ 4.3
State	123.1	125.3	125.5	-1.8	- 1.9
Education	63.1	64.9	64.7	-2.8	- 2.5
Other	60.0	60.4	60.8	-0.7	- 1.3
Local	249.7	249.9	244.0	-0.1	+ 2.3
Education	129.8	130.2	128.3	-0.3	+ 1.2
Other	119.9	119.7	115.7	+0.2	+ 3.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986	February* 1986	March* 1985	February 1986	March 1985
MANUFACTURING	652.2	652.5	654.5	**	- 0.4
DURABLE GOODS	255.6	256.1	259.3	- 0.2	- 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	30.7	30.5	30.8	+ 0.7	- 0.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.4	7.3	7.6	+ 1.4	- 2.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.5	3.7	0	+21.6
Furniture & Fixtures	75.2	75.7	76.3	- 0.7	- 1.4
Household Furniture	67.1	67.6	68.1	- 0.7	- 1.5
Wood Household Furniture	34.4	34.8	35.2	- 1.1	- 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.6	15.6	16.0	0	- 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.0	2.0	+ 5.0	+ 5.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	19.6	19.6	20.0	0	- 2.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.9	28.2	28.4	- 1.1	- 1.8
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.7	5.0	+ 2.1	- 4.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.8	47.1	48.6	- 0.6	- 3.7
Household Appliances	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 2.2	- 2.2
Transportation Equipment	19.0	18.6	18.4	+ 2.2	+ 3.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.6	396.4	395.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	32.6	32.8	30.5	- 0.6	+ 6.9
Meat Products	18.2	18.3	16.1	- 0.5	+13.0
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 5.6
Dairy Products	1.6	1.5	1.5	+ 6.7	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 4.2	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.6	19.3	19.0	- 3.6	- 2.1
Cigarettes	16.1	16.1	16.1	0	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.1	2.6	2.5	-19.2	-16.0
Textile Mill Products	181.8	181.1	184.2	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	46.8	47.2	51.8	- 0.8	- 9.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.7	24.8	27.1	- 0.4	- 8.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.7	22.0	24.3	- 1.4	-10.7
Knitting Mills	67.3	66.6	65.4	+ 1.1	+ 2.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.5	22.4	21.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Hosiery, NEC	21.0	20.8	20.7	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.0	10.8	10.3	+ 1.9	+ 6.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.3	5.2	5.3	+ 1.9	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.0	12.0	11.9	0	+ 0.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	44.1	43.8	43.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.8	77.7	75.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.5	26.7	25.6	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Women's & Children's Garments	32.9	33.0	32.6	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	16.9	16.8	16.9	+ 0.6	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	8.0	8.2	- 2.5	- 4.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.7	5.7	+ 3.5	+ 3.5
Printing & Publishing	16.9	17.0	16.5	- 0.6	+ 2.4
Newspapers	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.2	24.0	24.6	+ 0.8	- 1.6
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	9.0	8.9	9.1	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.0	23.9	24.9	+ 0.4	- 3.6
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.7	3.5	+ 2.7	+ 8.6

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
March, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1986	Feb.* 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb.* 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb.* 1986	Mar. 1985
MANUFACTURING	$301.44	$296.51	$281.25	40.3	39.8	38.9	$ 7.48	$ 7.45	$ 7.23
DURABLE GOODS	314.98	309.14	295.60	40.8	40.2	40.0	7.72	7.69	7.39
Lumber & Wood Products	259.85	255.82	248.84	40.1	39.6	40.2	6.48	6.46	6.19
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	260.80	262.63	248.06	41.2	41.1	40.4	6.33	6.39	6.14
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	268.76	262.33	280.19	37.8	37.0	39.8	7.11	7.09	7.04
Furniture & Fixtures	268.42	258.23	248.84	39.3	38.2	38.7	6.83	6.76	6.43
Household Furniture	267.92	257.76	247.04	39.4	38.3	38.6	6.80	6.73	6.40
Wood Household Furniture	254.13	248.43	242.70	39.4	39.0	39.4	6.45	6.37	6.16
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	333.66	324.01	322.28	41.5	40.2	41.8	8.04	8.06	7.71
Structural Clay Products	282.01	272.58	262.50	42.6	41.3	41.6	6.62	6.60	6.31
Primary Metal Industries	383.64	383.68	350.27	43.3	43.6	42.1	8.86	8.80	8.32
Fabricated Metal Products	320.39	330.88	320.66	40.2	40.9	40.9	7.97	8.09	7.84
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	355.73	350.26	344.84	41.9	41.5	41.9	8.49	8.44	8.23
Special Industry Machinery	343.02	328.75	314.69	42.4	41.3	40.5	8.09	7.96	7.77
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	359.39	356.07	329.28	41.5	41.5	39.2	8.66	8.58	8.40
Household Appliances	277.85	277.14	261.32	40.8	40.4	36.6	6.81	6.86	7.14
Transportation Equipment	374.03	358.28	342.36	43.9	42.2	41.7	8.52	8.49	8.21
NONDURABLE GOODS	292.80	287.96	271.65	40.0	39.5	38.1	7.32	7.29	7.13
Food & Kindred Products	259.85	260.02	243.10	38.9	39.1	37.4	6.68	6.65	6.50
Meat Products	218.11	216.79	192.50	37.8	38.1	35.0	5.77	5.69	5.50
Meat Packing	330.91	317.70	306.53	42.1	41.1	40.6	7.86	7.73	7.55
Dairy Products	301.34	290.53	286.23	43.8	42.6	43.9	6.88	6.82	6.52
Grain Mill Products	317.26	308.88	289.76	43.7	42.9	42.3	7.26	7.20	6.85
Bakery Products	287.65	285.82	283.39	40.4	40.2	40.6	7.12	7.11	6.98
Beverages	419.07	486.16	464.77	41.9	41.2	42.6	11.72	11.80	10.91
Tobacco Manufacturers	502.92	468.10	480.19	36.0	34.7	36.6	13.97	13.49	13.12
Cigarettes	549.00	517.38	518.62	36.6	34.7	36.6	15.00	14.91	14.17
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	192.13	203.46	206.64	31.6	35.2	36.0	6.08	5.78	5.74
Textile Mill Products	269.78	265.17	243.84	41.0	40.3	38.1	6.58	6.58	6.40
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	284.53	285.91	265.50	39.3	39.6	37.5	7.24	7.22	7.08
Weaving Mills, Cotton	287.39	292.47	273.13	39.1	39.9	38.2	7.35	7.33	7.15
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	281.56	278.64	258.30	39.6	39.3	36.9	7.11	7.09	7.00
Knitting Mills	248.65	240.47	218.45	40.3	39.1	36.9	6.17	6.15	5.92
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	236.98	229.63	206.39	39.3	38.4	36.4	6.03	5.98	5.67
Hosiery, NEC	234.30	226.55	205.90	38.6	37.2	35.5	6.07	6.09	5.80
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	279.65	273.07	246.65	42.5	41.5	38.3	6.58	6.58	6.44
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	312.59	300.76	272.35	45.5	44.1	41.9	6.87	6.82	6.50
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	290.44	281.95	280.13	42.4	41.1	41.5	6.85	6.86	6.75
Yarn & Thread Mills	272.21	268.18	236.39	42.6	42.1	38.5	6.39	6.37	6.14
Apparel & Other Textile Products	195.23	194.71	184.53	37.4	37.3	35.9	5.22	5.22	5.14
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	198.38	194.14	177.48	37.5	36.7	34.0	5.29	5.29	5.22
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	182.16	183.02	173.63	37.1	37.2	35.8	4.91	4.92	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	502.20	487.38	469.94	44.6	43.4	42.8	11.26	11.23	10.98
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	641.72	607.94	598.97	46.2	43.8	44.5	13.89	13.88	13.46
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	364.53	354.41	331.47	43.5	42.7	41.8	8.38	8.30	7.93
Printing & Publishing	337.11	327.08	315.58	39.8	38.8	39.3	8.47	8.43	8.03
Newspapers	265.03	261.14	278.46	32.4	31.5	34.0	8.18	8.29	8.19
Chemicals & Allied Products	411.31	405.98	392.92	41.8	41.3	41.8	9.84	9.83	9.40
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	467.61	457.45	453.45	42.9	42.2	42.9	10.90	10.84	10.57
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	379.86	380.59	362.10	41.2	41.1	40.1	9.22	9.26	9.03
MINING	376.57	358.88	374.14	45.7	43.5	47.6	8.24	8.25	7.86
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	486.64	487.60	455.92	41.7	41.7	41.0	1.67	11.68	11.12
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	201.20	199.94	192.46	32.4	32.3	32.4	6.21	6.19	5.94
Wholesale Trade	316.00	311.25	297.04	39.5	39.2	39.5	8.00	7.94	7.52
Retail Trade	169.02	168.47	163.55	30.4	30.3	30.4	5.56	5.56	5.38
General Merchandise Stores	157.92	150.70	150.77	28.2	27.4	28.5	5.60	5.50	5.29
Food Stores	185.15	183.93	189.80	32.2	32.1	32.5	5.75	5.73	5.84
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.83	137.81	133.95	30.5	29.7	30.1	4.65	4.64	4.45
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	194.74	193.14	187.80	34.9	34.8	35.5	5.58	5.55	5.29

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